



Sirah of Sayyida Fatima al-Zahraa عليها السلام

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Sûrah al-Kawthar 108:1-3

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

• إِنَّا أَنْعَمْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ

- Surely We have given you the *Kawthar*,

• فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ

- Therefore pray to your Lord and make a sacrifice.

• إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ

- Surely your enemy is the one who shall be without posterity.

Family blossoms thru a girl

- Sons being awaited to be born in a family. Sons to bring strength, credit and nobility to the family of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. The first born is Zaynab, a girl not a boy. The second born Ruqayyah. Again a girl, not a boy. The third, Umm Kulthum. Two boys, follow: Qasim and Abdullah. They hold great promise. But they die in infancy. Now there three are girls. The mother has aged. She is over 60 years old. The father loves his three daughters. But the tribe prefers sons. Can Khadîjah now bear a sixth child?
- Some historians believe Zaynab, Ruqayyah & Kulthum were Prophet's step daughters.
- Question: Can we prove that Fatima was the only daughter of the Holy Prophet (a)?

Here comes the great child

- Hope has become very dim. Yes! Khadija is pregnant again. Everyone is happy & excited. This is the last chance for the family of 'Abdul Muttalib, the last hope. But once again, a daughter. They name her Fatima.
- Mixed reactions, but the Prophet is pleased.
- The enemy of the Prophet is also happy, whispering and even at times screaming: Muhammad is *abtar* cut-off of progeny. The man who is the last link in his family & claims *nubuwwah* (apostleship), has four daughters. No sons to inherit.
- 'Aas b. Waa'il, Abu Jahl, 'Uqbah b. Abi Mu'it & Ka'b b. al-Ashraf referred to HP as abtar

Allah declares a family can surely perpetuate through a girl

- The occasion of the revelation of Surat Al-Kawthar: ‘Aas b. Waa’il, one of the chiefs of the pagans, once spoke with the Holy Prophet (s) coming out of the Sacred Mosque. A few men of the Quraysh witnessed this and asked ‘Aas: **To whom were you speaking?** He said: With this *abtar* (cut off, tail less); A derogative remark!
- The surah was revealed to console the Prophet & give glad tidings of abundant of Divine grace
- Allah calls the enemy *abtar* and keeps them so.

Why was she named Fatima?

- A number of Hadiths on this.
- *'Ial al-Sharī'ah* 1:178 - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ إِنَّمَا سُمِّيَتْ فَاطِمَةُ فَاطِمَةً لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فَطَمَ مَنْ أَحَبَّهَا مِنَ النَّارِ
- *'Uyūn Akhbār al-Ridhā*, 2:73 – قَالَ ابْنُ عَبَّاسٍ لِمُعَاوِيَةَ أَ تَدْرِي لِمَ سُمِّيَتْ فَاطِمَةُ فَاطِمَةً قَالَ لَا قَالَ لِأَنَّهَا فُطِمَتْ هِيَ وَ شِيعَتُهَا مِنَ النَّارِ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ص يَقُولُهُ
- *Dalā'il al-Imāmah*, 148: إِنَّمَا سُمِّيَتْ فَاطِمَةُ فَاطِمَةً لِأَنَّهَا فُطِمَتْ هِيَ وَ شِيعَتُهَا وَ ذُرِّيَّتُهَا مِنَ النَّارِ
- *Majmū'at Nafsiyyah*, 180: النَّبِيُّ ع: إِنَّمَا سُمِّيَتْ فَاطِمَةُ فَاطِمَةً، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ فَطَمَهَا وَ فَطَمَ مَنْ أَحَبَّهَا مِنَ النَّارِ
- Because she, her descendants, followers, those who love her are abstained from (*faTama*) from the Fire

A *houri* amongst the human

إِذَا اشْتَقْتُ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ أَذْنَيْتُهَا فَشَمِمْتُ رِيحَ الْجَنَّةِ فَهِيَ حَوْرَاءُ إِنْسِيَّةٍ

When I longed for Paradise I got close to her, and lo! I smelled fragrance of Paradise, for she is a *houri* amongst the human

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ: كُنْتُ أَرَى رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ص يَفْعَلُ بِفَاطِمَةَ ع شَيْئاً مِنَ التَّقْبِيلِ وَالْإِلْطَافِ فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ تَفْعَلُ بِفَاطِمَةَ لَمْ أَرَكَ تَفْعَلُهُ قَبْلُ فَقَالَ يَا حُمَيْرَاءُ إِنَّهُ لَمَّا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةُ أُسْرِي بِي إِلَى السَّمَاءِ دَخَلْتُ الْجَنَّةَ فَوَقَفْتُ عَلَى شَجَرَةٍ مِنْ شَجَرِ الْجَنَّةِ لَمْ أَرَ شَجَرَةً فِي الْجَنَّةِ أَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا حَسَناً وَ لَا أَنْضَرَ مِنْهَا وَرَقاً وَ لَا أَطْيَبَ مِنْهَا ثَمَراً فَتَنَاوَلْتُ ثَمَرَةً مِنْ ثَمَرِهَا فَأَكَلْتُهَا فَصَارَتْ نُطْفَةً فِي ظَهْرِي فَلَمَّا هَبَطْتُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَقَعْتُ خَدِيجَةً فَحَمَلْتُ بِفَاطِمَةَ فَأَنَا إِذَا اشْتَقْتُ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ سَمِعْتُ - شَمِمْتُ - رِيحَهَا مِنْ فَاطِمَةَ يَا حُمَيْرَاءُ إِنَّ

فَاطِمَةَ لَيْسَتْ كِنَسَاءِ الْآدَمِيِّينَ . . . (الطرائف في معرفة مذاهب الطوائف، 1:111،

الخوارزمي في مقتل الحسين: 63، و البحار: 65 / 37)

Translations of the Hadiths

- Bibi ‘Āisha reports: I used to see the Messenger of Allah ﷺ kissing and showing (special) affection to Fātima. So I said, ‘O Messenger of Allah, I see you (loving) Fātima (in a way), I have not seen you doing it before!’ So he said, ‘O Humayra, it is (because) when I was taken to the heavens I entered the Paradise and stopped beside a tree, the like of which I never saw a better tree than this in Paradise, nor fresh leaves than from it, and nor a fruit more pleasant than from it. So I took a fruit from it and ate it, which resulted in a blood clot (*nutfa*) in my back. When I descended on the earth, I neared Khadījah and she conceived Fātima. Whenever I longed for Paradise, I smelled its fragrance from Fātima. O Humayra!, Fātima is not like any other women of human being...

Promise of Allah to Fatima

- In *Shawāhid al-Tanzīl li-Qawā'id al-Tafsīl*, 2:445

• حَدَّثَنَا حَمَّادُ بْنُ عِيسَى غَرِيقُ الْجُحْفَةِ [قَالَ:] حَدَّثَنَا جَعْفَرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ جَابِرٍ، قَالَ دَخَلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ عَلَى فَاطِمَةَ وَ عَلَيْهَا كِسَاءٌ مِنْ جِلْدِ الْإِبِلِ، فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا بَكَى وَ قَالَ: يَا فَاطِمَةُ تَعْجَلِي مَرَارَةَ الدُّنْيَا بِنَعِيمِ الْآخِرَةِ [الْجَنَّةِ] غَدًا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ﴿وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَى﴾

- Status of the reporter Hammad b. Isa
- Intro on Surat al-Duhaa (No. 93)

Similar Hadith

- Imam al-Sādiq (a) said: ‘Once, the messenger of Allah (a) came to Fatima (a) and found her wearing a garment of camel-hair while grinding [for flour] with her hands and suckling her child. The Prophet’s eyes shed tears when he saw her in that case. He said to her, ‘O my daughter, suffer the bitterness of this life for the sake of the sweetness of the afterlife; for Allah has revealed to me: *And soon will your Lord give you so that you shall be well pleased.* 93:5 She said, ‘O messenger of Allah, praise be to Allah for His gifts, and thanks be to Him for His blessings.’ (Az-Zahra’ Sayyidatun Nisa’, vol.1 p.30.)

Sunni Hadîths on Fatima عليها السلام

- Al-Bukhari: فاطمة بضعة مني من أغضبها أغضبني
- Al-Mustadrak and Kanzul Ummal:
إن الله يغضب لغضب فاطمة ويرضى لرضاها
- Al-Mustadrak:
عن عائشة : ما رأيت أحدا كان أصدق لهجة منها غير أبيها
- Al-Mustadrak: عن عائشة أيضا : كانت إذا دخلت عليه قام إليها فقبلها ورحب بها وأخذ بيدها فأجلسها في مجلسه
- Tibrani: قال لعلي : فاطمة أحب إلي منك وأنت أعز علي منها